

16 January 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting of the Automap Data Bank Study
Group - 15 January 1969

1. The first session of the Automap Data Bank Study Group took place on 16 January 1969. Attending were [REDACTED] from SAD/OCS. The objective of the study group is to examine the present and planned state of the Automap Data Bank and recommend changes where necessary. It was emphasized that this was to be a comprehensive study, the first since the charter sessions between March and August 1965. Two items were called to the attention of the group. First, the recommendations would not be binding upon management. The second concerned the draft project proposal for future automated graphics development. While the outcome of this request may alter the designated responsibilities, the overall expertise required is unchanged.

2. The following outline for the study sessions was proposed:

Phase 1 - Chronological Review
Present State
Work Underway
Planned Development

Phase 2 - Study Areas
Retrieval
Organization of Data
Storage
Updating
Control

Phase 3 - Recommendations

3. The present state and work underway were discussed. Specifically detailed were the origin, organization, and utilization of the small-scale data bank. Projects currently underway are the optimization and updating of the small-scale bank and the development of a new page-size bank. The need for revised formats and updating procedures and the [REDACTED] experiment were discussed. The new data bank should be

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operational before the end of FY 69 but completion worldwide would take 1 to 2 years. Its projected size would exceed two million points. Only experience will tell if this bank can be expanded into the final bank needed for Summary Maps (over 100 million points) or if a third bank would be required.

4. It was agreed to meet again on Wednesday the 22nd from 0900 to 1100 in Room 1E80. Reservations have been made. Proposed development plans and retrieval will be the topics for the morning.

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